

## ***Regional Networking Event for Defense Contracting Community: Second Annual Pacific Northwest Defense Symposium*** **To be held in Bremerton**

Bremerton, WA - The Kitsap Economic Development Alliance in partnership with the Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition will co-host the Pacific Northwest Defense Symposium on August 11/12 at the Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton Harborside. The second annual event will focus on showcasing the region's maritime assets. Mr. Kevin Bowen, Raytheon, is the morning keynote speaker and will update attendees on R&D in the unmanned underwater vehicle industry.

The symposium will begin on August 11<sup>th</sup> with a business connections reception from 5-7 PM. Sponsorships and booth opportunities are still available. To learn more and to register visit: [www.nwdefense.com](http://www.nwdefense.com).

Breakout sessions and a sampling of regional and local presenters:

- *MARSEC* – Addressing maritime security requirements with new technologies: Russ Read, Port of Seattle and Dallas Meggitt, Sound and Sea Technologies
- *Naval Facilities and Construction*: Capt Rios, NAVFAC NW and Tony Sieger, Advanced Technology Construction
- *USCG District 13 Overview*: RADM Gary Blore, Commander USCG District 13 (invited)
- *Lunch Keynote*: Colin Clark, Lead Defense Acquisition Reporter for Military.com
- *Shipbuilding* – the state of shipbuilding in the Pacific NW and beyond: RADM Lockwood, Todd Pacific Shipyards; RDML Carnevale, Shipbuilder's Council of America
- Navy/USCG Buyers Panel: Representatives from Navy Region NW, NAVFAC, USCG District 13
- R&D – leveraging new research and development with tech transfer opportunities: Dr. Kevin Bowen, Raytheon

The Kitsap Economic Development Alliance is a private nonprofit 501(c)(6) corporation. Founded in June 1983, our goal is to attract and retain jobs and investments in Kitsap County that generate wealth, enhance the quality of life and embrace future generations. Visit our website for more information at [www.kitsapeda.org](http://www.kitsapeda.org).

The Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition (PNDC) is a member-funded industry association dedicated to improving the defense industry climate across the Pacific Northwest. Through educational programs, business-to-business networking, and outreach to government decision makers, PNDC is working every day to ensure our members' future success. Visit PNDC at: <http://www.pndc.us/>